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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (DEPSECDEF CLEMENTS)
SUBJ: US FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR INDONESIAN ICCS
CONTINGENT

REF: JAKARTA 11690

1. DURING FAREWELL CALL ON ME SEPTEMBER 23, MAJ GENERAL SUHUD, INCOMING COMMANDER OF INDONESIA'S ICCS CONTINGENT (FORMERLY CHIEF OF DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SECURITY), WHO DUE TAKE UP HIS POSITION OCTOBER 6, STATED THAT GOI NOW PLANNING FOR NEW INDONESIAN ICCS CONTINGENT DUE TO RELIEVE PRESENT 208 MAN CONTINGENT IN NOVEMBER. IN VIEW EXISTING BURDEN OF ICCS ON INDONESIAN MILITARY BUDGET AND PRESENT ICCS FINANCIAL CRISIS, GOI REVIEWING SIZE OF GARUDA 8 CONTINGENT. SUHUD MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY FOREIGN EXCHANGE COSTS OF IMPORTING FIELD JACKETS AND BERETS FOR USE BY INDONESIAN CONTINGENT, AND RUPIAH COSTS OF TRANSPORTING SOLDIERS TO JAKARTA AND LODGING THEM IN CAPITAL PRIOR TO THEIR DESPATCH TO VIET NAM. IN THIS CONNECTION SUHUD ASKED IF

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THERE ANY POSSIBILITY FOR US FINANCIAL SUPPORT (WITH

IMPLICATION THIS WOULD HELP PREVENT REDUCTION IN SIZE OF NEW
CONTINGENT.

2. I TOOK POSITION THAT, GIVEN INDONESIA'S IMPROVED FOREIGN
EXCHANGE POSITION Owing TO OIL REVENUES, AND TAKING INTO
ACCOUNT DIFFICULTY OF OBTAINING FUNDS FROM CONGRESS FOR
VIET NAM OR INDONESIA, INDONESIA SHOULD NOT LOOK TO US FOR
SUPPORT THIS MATTER, BUT I SAID I WOULD REPORT HIS INTEREST.

3. COMMENT: WHILE SUHUD MAY HAVE ONLY BEEN MAKING AN
"OLD SCHOOL TRY" IT IS POSSIBLE THAT IF, AS WE SUSPECT
(REFTEL, ICCS IS RAISED DURING DEPSECDEF VISIT, THERE MAY
BE A REQUEST FOR DIRECT US ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA. WE
WILL BE PREPARED BREIF DEPSECDEF ON PAST DISCUSSIONS THIS
SUBJECT WITH GOI.

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